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## REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

### WARREN ATTACKED

Senators Kuchel and Knowland must feel pretty proud of their pal Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin for having joined with Senator Eastland of Mississippi in declaring that under the regime of Chief Justice Earl Warren the U. S. Supreme Court has handed down "one pro-Communist decision after another."

Senators Kuchel and Knowland must have felt that they and their pal McCarthy had picked up especially good company when Eastland made the assertion that "the Court evidently is being influenced by pro-Communist elements."

McCarthy already had an international reputation for making fantastic statements, for making the very name of the United States a shudder and a shame in the world, when Kuchel and Knowland voted FOR McCarthy on the long delayed motion of censure of McCarthy adopted by the Senate. There's nothing on the record to show that they wouldn't vote FOR McCarthy again if the issue came up.

### THE CHIEF JUSTICE

Earl Warren had a long career as the smiling front man for the big interests in California. All who knew him well felt that his intentions were good, that in his own heart he was far more liberal than the outfit which used his good nature and kindness to cover their operations.

It is evident that this kindly man is now very happy as Chief Justice. He is giving free rein to his goodwill toward mankind. He does not hesitate to become known as one of that triad of "Warren, Black, and Douglas dissenting" which bids fair to become as famous as the "Holmes and Brandeis dissenting" of a previous generation. But he has also repeatedly led majority decisions for civil rights and elementary decency which naturally stir up the wrath of Kuchel's and Knowland's reactionary pals.

### THE POISONED BEER

Due credit should be given the Tribune for criticizing, in its June 27 issue, the cowardice of the U. S. Information Agency for withdrawing its sponsorship of a magnificent collection of work by 100 American artists which was to have been sent abroad.

Fear that some of the artists might have been accused of being pro-Communist and that hell might be raised by some of our reactionaries was of course what caused this withdrawal of sponsorship. But as the Tribune editorial rightly said, "it is difficult to see how" a picture that has been accepted by a leading American museum "could conceivably turn a foreigner into a Communist."

But who turned the U. S. Information Agency into such a cheap coward? Why, none other than that hero of Kuchel and Knowland, Joe McCarthy, by constantly accusing the agency of being pro-Communist just as he and Eastland now accuse the Supreme Court of being pro-Communist.

The Tribune's idea is to let the barrel of beer be poisoned, but keep the spigot clean. Let McCarthy wreck the Information Agency, then criticize the agency for being wrecked.

SIX-CENT hourly general wage increase was awarded 3,800 Textile Workers at the Mohawk Carpet division of an arbitration decision expected to set an industry-wide pattern. The Textile Workers Union, said it was "bitterly disappointed" by the award.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

AUTO MACHINISTS 1546  
STEAMFITTERS 342  
SHEET METAL WORKERS 216  
PAINTERS LOCAL 127  
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MILK WAGON DRIVERS 302 latest formally initiated member is none other than the central figure, up there on the stage, Bill the Milkman, the only known milk wagon driver with a wooden head and a heart of gold. He's the famous puppet at the show Local 302 sponsors at Fairyland in Lakeside Park. Some of the children who adore him are shown in the picture. Over to the left, reading left to right are some grownups: Harry Akers, recording secretary, Local 302; Trustee Al Silva; Vice President Harry Powell; Secretary-Treasurer Jeffery Cohen, kneeling to talk to the children; President Ray Cirimeli. Then over on the right side of the picture, reading left to right: Business Representative Al Brown; Trustee Manuel Silva, Business Representative George Hunt; Trustee Bill Nelson.

## Steamfitters 342 in Big Pay Increase; Plumbers 38 Strike

The daily press for some time ran headlines about the possibility of a strike by Steamfitters 342 in the East Bay, and of one by Plumbers 38 in San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, and Mendocino counties.

But at a special called meeting Sunday, July 1, the 500 members of Steamfitters 342 in attendance voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the negotiating committee pertaining to wage increases. And

James Martin's Steamfitter Notes will be found on page 3 of this issue. Owing to the general interest in the Steamfitters' negotiations that part of his notes is included in this page one story.

at 12:01 a.m. of that same day, Plumbers 38 had officially declared a strike in effect.

Steamfitters 342 got a big wage advance.

James Martin, financial secretary and business manager of Local 342, announced that the wage increase provides the following:

1. Effective July 1, 1956, the basic wage rate for journeymen will be \$3.69 per hour. An increase of 26¢ per hour.
2. Effective July 1, 1956, foremen will receive 37¢ per hour above the journeyman hourly rate, or \$4.06 per hour.
3. Effective July 1, 1956, general foremen will receive not less than 74¢ per hour above the journeyman hourly rate, or \$4.43 per hour.

This new hourly wage rate for journeymen, said Martin, establishes the highest wage rate for United Association members, based on an 8 hour day, in the United States, and the membership showed their appreciation of this by giving the negotiating committee a standing ovation at the above mentioned meeting.

Martin said he would like to "take this opportunity to thank the following members of the negotiating committee for their assistance and cooperation rendered during our negotiations with the employers: Wm. Weber, Earl Gibson, Frank Fournier, George Edwards, Bonnie Gosney, Roy Timmer, Jim O'Donnell and Lou Kovacevich."

Joseph Mazzola, business manager of Plumbers 38, said as the strike of that union began Sunday morning that many shops in the four counties

### EXPERT ON PENSIONS AT CLC MEET JULY 9

At the next meeting of the Central Labor Council, July 9, Harold Faggen, noted actuarial consultant, will talk on pension plans, answering any questions asked by delegates.

Faggen has set up over 200 health and welfare and pension plans.

Recently Faggen was guest speaker for the New York City AFL Council, and took on Blue Cross for trying to raise its rates.

At the same CLC meeting there will be shown an AFLCIO film, "Injustice on Trial," exposing the "right to work" laws.

## Candy Makers Win Pension of \$100, First in Nation

Under the heading, Reports of Unions, at the Central Labor Council meeting this week, Muriel Collins, Bakery & Confectionery Workers 119-C, was applauded after telling of the \$100 monthly pension won in negotiations with the East Bay Candy Manufacturers Association.

"We are the first candy makers' local in the nation to get this \$100 monthly pension clause," said Miss Collins.

She said that it is the same pension recently won by Local 119 of the same international union. Local 119 covers the bakers.

There is a 7 1/2-cent hourly increase effective June 1, and other increases during the 3-year term of the new contract.

INSURANCE AGENTS

William J. Foley reported for Insurance Agents 219 that a new agreement had finally been signed June 29 with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, which brought some new improvements, but was essentially a compromise.

Stressing the need for support by other unions of a white collar union which has to struggle hard for gains, Foley said that in the union's 81-day strike 4 years ago, some 2400 members had been lost, cutting the membership to 9800; that since then the membership had climbed to 11,000, but in the long dispute over the recently signed contract some 2000 had been lost, so they were down to about 9000.

Foley especially praised members of Roofers 81 who at his suggestion refused to make their insurance payments to an agent without a union card, and made them instead at the head office, explaining that they would not deal with non-union agents.

Roy Woods, Hayward Culinary 823, remarked that he had refused to deal with a non-union Prudential agent, "but when I complained to the manager, although he was an old boyhood friend of mine, he just laughed at me."

GLASS COMPANY

Secretary Robert S. Ash reported on negotiations between the Machinists and the Owens-Illinois Glass Company, which are complicated, he said, by the company's "bonus" system of paying a certain percentage an hour in addition to the scale.

The men have had no contract rise in pay for three years.

CITY PAY

Ash also reported on negotiations with City Manager Thompson of Oakland on the scale for radio technicians, tool and die makers, and technical engineers employed by the city.

### 1 ITEM PLUS 1 ITEM MUST EQUAL SOMETHING

Two paragraphs from an Associated Press Washington dispatch:

1—Living costs for American families are now equal to the all-time peak of three years ago and appear to be rising toward new record levels this summer.

2—At the same time, the take-home pay of factory workers fell off somewhat.

## Carpenter Strike Set Today; Stove; Steel; Shipyards

The negotiating committee for the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters rejected this week a new offer made by the representatives of the employers. Negotiations were broken off.

The date for the strike for the 7-hour day still stands for today (Friday, July 6) said Chester Bartolini, secretary of the District Council.

Previously the employers had offered a 5-cent hourly increase, with the 8-hour day to remain in effect. This offer, called the "nickel lollipop" by the union, was considered ridiculously small, and completely irrelevant to the main issue the union is pressing: the 7-hour day. The new offer was also considered irrelevant.

Technological changes in the building industry similar to automation in factories have convinced the union that shorter workdays are needed.

### STOVE MOLDERS

Some 80 members of the Stove Molders Union remained on strike this week at the Ferro Enameling Company, 1100 57th Avenue, and the Payne-Mahoney Company, 2818 Poplar Street.

Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx told the CLC delegates this week that the dispute centers on the employers' demand that the new agreement be for 3 years, and the union's insistence that it be for one year.

NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE.

### SHIPYARDS

Les Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1178, who at the June 25 meeting of the Central Labor Council had reported that all shipyard crafts felt that the time had come to make a stand for improved wages, and that there might be a Coastwide strike on the issue, this week reported that the employers, fearing a strike, had suddenly made a better offer than in years past.

"Three days after my last report to you," said Moore, "in one afternoon the employers suddenly jumped from a 7-cent offer to an 18-cent one. It has gone to the unions' referendum, with a recommendation by the negotiating committee for acceptance. It's the best offer the employers have made in 10 or 12 years. The pressure of a strike deadline seems necessary at times."

### CEMETERIES

State Conciliation Service continued efforts to settle the 9-week strike-lockout of the San Francisco Cemetery Workers.

### STEEL

Bay Area Steelworkers were out at the Pittsburg U. S. Steel plant and the Alameda and South San Francisco Bethlehem plants in the nationwide 850,000-man strike. An editorial on page 4 comments on the historic significance of this date, July 6, in the steel industry.

### 10th Beach Hotel Signs with Union

MIAMI BEACH (AFLCIO) — A tenth ocean front hotel, the Sea Gull, has signed a contract with Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 255.

The Sea Gull is the ninth to sign since Union Vice President Bert H. Ross assumed charge of the union's drive for recognition last October. The contract extends until December 1, 1960, and provides for a wage boost to all 130 employees.

It also provides job seniority, grievance procedure, arbitration of disputes an eight-hour, six-day week, three paid holidays, paid vacations and overtime pay. The dispute with the hotel at this resort began April 13, 1955, when only one hotel, the Delano, was under contract.

### Goodwill Tour

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) — The Italian-American Labor Council is arranging a Good Will Tour to Italy which will leave here for Rome on September 21 and return October 21. It will be under the leadership of Luigi Antonini, council president and first vice president of the Ladies Garment Workers.

Information may be obtained from Vanni B. Montana at the council's office, 218 W. 40th St., New York City 18, N. Y.

EAST BAY MUD local of Municipal Workers is making encouraging progress in organization.

## New House Painter System Is Launched, Peaslee Secretary

The new setup for Painters' Union locals and their District Council 16 in Alameda and Contra Costa counties got underway Monday, with Floyd Peaslee, newly elected secretary of the district council, established in rooms 204-205 in the Labor Temple. Peaslee had been for some time business representative, Local 127.

Directly under Peaslee's office will work the newly elected business representatives of the 5 house painter locals of the two counties, each of the 5 being subject to assignment anywhere in the area to serve any member of any of the house painter locals.

These five representatives of house painter locals just elected are: H. E. Mountain, Hayward Painters 1178; C. M. Hammond, Richmond Local 580; J. G. Heilmans, Berkeley Local 40; E. A. Oliver, Martinez Local 741; H. S. Rutledge, Oakland Local 127.

Under the new system, each house painter local is required to put up two candidates for business representative. Mountain won by 454 votes to L. Barstow's 238; Hammond won by 391 to W. C. Rood's 233; Heilmans won by 425 to P. E. Parent's 211; Oliver won by 353 to O. C. Kubick's 199; Rutledge won by 480 to E. Smilovitz's 192.

In the face for secretary of District Council 16 Peaslee, of Local 127, won with 726 votes against three others, as follows: D. E. Ades of Local 1178, 225 votes; S. K. Johnson, Glazier 169, 143 votes; M. C. Monroe, Local 741, 93 votes.

Members of any of the 10 locals affiliated with District Council 16 were eligible to run for secretary of the district council. In addition to the 5 house painters locals so affiliated, there are 5 autonomous locals: Auto & Ship Painters 1178; Glazier 169; Sign Painters 878; Paint Makers 1101; Linoleum Layers 1290.

The secretary of the district council and the business representatives of the house painter locals working with him directly under the new setup are all elected for one-year terms.

The election committee consisted of 7 persons, as follows: Pete Ceremello, Local 1101; Ben Rasnick, 40; William Martin, 741; William Weigle, 741; Charles Bethel, 1178; John Berdolt, 560; Les Moore, 1178.

Les Moore, who had held office for six years as secretary of District Council 16, did not run for reelection. Giving out the report of the election committee this week, he said:

"These are the names of the district council secretary and the house painters' business agents under the new system. Painters of this area have been working six months getting the new plan under way, and I feel convinced that the new way of handling things will be of great benefit to the membership."

"I wish to extend congratulations and good wishes to the

new secretary of the council and to the business representatives working with him under the new arrangement. I offer my personal service and cooperation at any time they may be needed."

D. E. Ades, Hayward Local 1178, who ran second to Peaslee in the race for secretary-treasurer, promptly sent to East Bay Labor Journal, the following open letter addressed to "Mr. Peaslee, executive secretary of Painters District Council 16":

"My congratulations to you on your recent election victory to the office of executive secretary. I'm positive your intentions are the same as mine were, that of giving your utmost in the service of the Brotherhood."

"Also, I wish to congratulate the successful candidates to the office of business representatives."

"I take this opportunity to thank my backers and managers who worked so diligently in my behalf. Even though we were unsuccessful at the polls, we can still unite our efforts in behalf of the Labor movement."

Yours fraternally,  
Donald E. 'Don' Ades."

To all Local Unions of District Council of Painters No. 16:  
Dear Brothers:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the wonderful support accorded me in the recent election of Business Representative of the District Council. Although I was not a winner, the returns were very gratifying to me.

I also send my congratulations to each of the winners and wish them good luck in their new jobs under the District Council.

Thanking all of you I sincerely remain  
Fraternally yours,  
LEROY BARSTOW,  
President of Painters Local 1178, Hayward, California.

Oakland Painters Elect Officers

Oakland Painters 127 elected officers and delegates June 28. The following were unopposed:

President — Carl Eelsing  
Vice President — Sam Caponio  
Recording Secretary — Ed Gulbransen  
Financial Secretary — J. S. Miller  
Treasurer — Walter Cavanaugh

Conductor — Sven Forsberg  
Warden — Lou Horning  
6 BTC Delegates — J. S. Miller, Larry Kessel, Ed Gulbransen, Floyd Peaslee, Hugh S. Rutledge, Harry Boughton.

Following were the contests:

Trustee — Marvin Edwards elected with 54 votes, defeating Harry Boughton, who polled 45, and James McCully, polling 42.

5 Executive Board Members elected: Walter Cavanaugh 119, Sven Forsberg 104, Vern Goble 99, Hi Parman 89, Jesse Myers 79.

Other candidates for the executive board were: James McCully 74, Jack Telfer 60, Frank Murray 54, Bill Scott 53.

5 District Council of Painters 16 Delegates were elected: Floyd Peaslee 159, Hugh S. Rutledge 146, Ed Gulbransen 93, Lou Horning 89, Ed Smilovitz 86.

Other candidates for District Council 16 were: Marvin Edwards 62, James McCully 54, Harry Boughton 46, George Jones 30.

2 State Federation of Labor Convention Delegates were elected: Hugh S. Rutledge 136, Larry Kessel 76.

Other convention candidates were: Ed Gulbransen 66, Harry Boughton 28.

Hugh S. Rutledge on a separate ballot with all 5 house painters locals voting was elected business agent under the new District Council of Painters 16 setup.

RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS gave their leaders a sweeping vote of confidence, returning all incumbent officers for another four-year term. The union's top officers, President G. E. Leighty and Sec.-Treas. E. M. Mosher were reelected by acclamation.

## Rockwell Starts His 20th Year As IBEW 595 Manager

S. E. Rockwell, following Electrical Workers Local 595 election of June 30, commenced this week his twentieth year as business manager and financial secretary of that local. He was first elected in 1937. He was re-elected this time by a vote of 476 to the 254 scored by J. R. Johnston.

A total of 753 ballots were cast in the election, and campaigning was vigorous. Every office except those of recording secretary and treasurer was contested.

The results of the election to offices other than that held by Rockwell were as follows:

President — H. E. Wilson won with 446 votes to the 304 polled for M. B. Hodgkins.

Vice President — C. E. Huntington won with 409 to Chester Baker's 303.

Recording Secretary — G. A. McAllister, unopposed, polled 679 votes.

Treasurer — O. K. Lenox, unopposed, polled 659 votes.

5 Examining Board Members were elected: Karl Eggers 563, Jerry Donahue Jr. 474, George Rose 440, E. F. Boyle 430, John D. Davis 347.

Other candidates for the examining board were: Jake Neilson 333, William Murphy Sr. 291, Clayton Redgrave 277, Maurice Wagner 217, R. G. Correia 115, Frank Hinojosa 110.

6 Executive Board Members out of a field of 19 were elected: Fred Eggers Sr. 468, Karl Eggers 452, Dan Ryan 451, M. B. McPartland 330, Robert Weiss 276, Jerry Donahue Jr. 258.

Other candidates for the executive board were: Fred Hammer Sr. 252, John D. Davis 243, Earl O. Hocking 235, Robert Reeder 222, George Leydecker 211, Harry Barthman 172, James Carroll 167, A. B. Riley 156, William Schnorr 140, William Hurtado 110, P. D. Gonzalez 92, Hugh Hatten 59, R. G. Correia 40.

3 State Federation of Labor Convention Delegates were elected: Harry Kurt 514, S. E. Rockwell 490, Dan Ryan 350.

Other candidates for convention delegates were: Fred Hammer 226, M. B. Hodgkins 195, George Leydecker 163, James Carroll 158, Sam Peden 72.

Officers were elected for a two year term.

Scab Law's Repeal Nailed Down Now

BATON ROUGE (AFLCIO) — Louisiana's so-called "right-to-work" law was wiped out with a stroke of the pen as Governor Earl K. Long (D.) kept a campaign pledge and signed the bill repealing the state's 1954 "wreck" statute.

The action climaxed intensive political effort by organized labor which resulted in the removal from office of 58 state representatives and 14 state senators who had voted for the "wreck" laws two years ago.

Tight Mortgages Cuts Construction

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The scarcity of long-term, low down-payment mortgage funds at low interest rates is making the decline in new homebuilding worse than was originally anticipated, the Labor and Commerce Departments said in a revised estimate of 1956 construction outlook.

The departments cut their original estimate of 1.2 million new private non-farm dwelling units by 50,000, compared with a 1955 total of 1,310,000 units. The estimated expenditure, \$13.75 billion, is about 8 percent less than the 1955 record level of \$15 billion.

However, total outlays for new construction this year were revised upward by the two departments, thanks to expenditures of utilities, private industrial building and highways which are larger than at first anticipated. Total construction spending is now estimated at \$44.5 billion, compared to an original estimate of \$44 billion and actual expenditures of \$43 billion in 1955.



## HOW TO BUY

### Cars Increasingly Complex

By SIDNEY MARGOLIS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Modern high-horsepower cars with automatic drives, multi-barrel carburetors and complex ignition systems are increasingly complicated to repair. They require more expert service and their engines require more sensitive adjustments, because of their close tolerances, than older cars needed.

Unless present-day cars do get expert care, some queer phenomena occur. In fact, one of the country's outstanding service experts tells this department that nowadays a given symptom may not be at all related to the seemingly ailing component.

In modern cars, everything must synchronize. One component can throw others out. An automatic transmission may fail to upshift promptly because the motor itself needs a tuneup. Or a car may creep, not because anything is wrong with the transmission, but because mechanics sometimes advance the idling speed to offset stalling caused by improper carburetor adjustment or faulty ignition.

Not only are cars more delicate and precise, but they are driven under increasingly harder conditions. Nothing is as rough on a car as today's stop-and-go traffic congestion.

For these reasons it's increasingly important to find a reliable repair shop. Car owners not only can't repair their own cars any more but they can't even take a chance on relatively inexperienced repairmen. Here are tips developed with the aid of auto club and repair specialists that can help a cost-harassed and repair-deviled car owner select a competent service shop.

**Does the shop use modern test equipment?** The equipment a shop uses is one clue to its competence.

**Does the shop look well-organized?** Mechanics themselves judge service shops by their appearance. They know that a clean, well-organized shop is better able to handle a car efficiently.

**Does the mechanic diagnose carefully?** A careful shop makes adequate tests before it will say what the trouble is. A less-skilled or less careful

serviceman is more apt to give a flash diagnosis.

**Is the shop experienced in your make?** An AAA technical specialist advises that in these days of automatic transmissions and other power features it's especially desirable to use a trained specialist in your particular make or accessory.

**Is the shop unionized?** As with other services, the special advantage here is that since work conditions are more stabilized (the men have seniority and stay on the job) you are more likely to get highly-skilled personnel.

**What do others think of the shop?** Ask other owners about their experiences with local shops. Also note if the shop seems busy.

**Does the shop use high-pressure?** A scrupulous mechanic will advise you on your needs but won't high-pressure you and often may advise that you don't need something you think you want.

**Does the shop practice preventive maintenance?** A good shop tries to locate incipient troubles while still small.

### Health and Poise

#### Mental Balance

The Economics Press has published a small pamphlet for distribution to industrial workers and their families which tries to indicate what sort of person the mentally healthy man or woman is. According to this pamphlet, the mentally healthy have emotions, like anyone else, and they may even explode once in a while. They don't, however, blow up for little or no cause. When a "normal" gets mad, his anger is in proportion to what caused it. He doesn't fly off the handle for odd or slight reasons. Fear, love, hate, jealousy, guilt, worry are certainly not unknown to him—but he doesn't let any of them throw him too far off course.

The well-adjusted person gets satisfaction from simple, everyday pleasures. He gets disappointed sometimes, but he's not so crushed by disappointment that he can't pick himself up and start over again. He doesn't underestimate his own abilities but, on the other hand, he knows he has shortcomings, too. He can accept these without getting upset. He can accept other people's shortcomings, too. He doesn't expect them to be perfect, either.

His problems are handled as they come up. Matters that can't be changed are accepted for what they are. He's willing to plan for tomorrow, but he doesn't worry about it too much. He's open-minded about new experiences and new ideas.

## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

**SUBVERSIVES' SEEKERS** should investigate a certain milk truck driver we know. He has a most revolutionary attitude toward transportation. He is young, strong, agile. Just the kind you always find behind the wheel of a sports car.

But he likes to walk! Asked why the drivers on a certain route were changed so often, he replied:

"It's because of that X subdivision. No streets. No sidewalks. Just big grass lawns! You can't even get a dolly across them. Have to carry the milk bottles by hand. Most of the fellows hate it."

"Well, its sound pretty rugged," was the comment.

"Not for me! I love to walk. Anything to get away from the truck!"

If there were more young men of this chap's generation who took this attitude, the President's Council on Youth Fitness which is soon to be set up, would be out of a job before it started.

The reason it is being set up is that it has been found that so many young men entering the armed forces are anything but fit physically.

In spite of the millions spent on playgrounds, recreation centers, swimming pools and the like, all too many young men indulge in spectator sports only and leave to the few the real cultivation of muscles.

Walking is a fine exercise for young or old. But while you often see elderly folk walking, most of the young blades are usually to be found curled up behind a steering wheel. If it is only to the corner for a coke, it is too far to walk!

This state of affairs has been going on for a long time, and only now is it being discovered that our young men don't have the leg muscles their fathers did.

If this conference does nothing else but call attention to this situation, it will serve a useful purpose. After all, physical fitness in our youth is a "must."

### THIS UNION NOW PAYING BACK SOME OF THE DUES

**CHICAGO (AFLCIO)** — More than 10,000 members of the Air Line Pilots will get a melon worth \$386,848 in dues refunds as the result of the union's constitutional provision.

Pilots who were in good standing on March 31 will get back nearly \$1 for every \$5 they paid in union dues last year. The individual refunds will range from \$11 to \$55.

At its 1954 convention, the ALPA set a top maximum of \$2.5 million on its treasury of \$275 for each active member, whichever is greater. The first redistribution of surplus cash is now under way.

## Barbara Bell Patterns



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36-52

Here's a charming button front style for the macon that is particularly lovely for special afternoon wear. Short or three quarter sleeves.

No. 8409 with Patt-O-Rama included is in sizes 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52. Size 38, 5 1/4 yards of 35-inch; 1/2 yard contrast.

For this pattern, send 35c in coins, your name, address, pattern number and size wanted to Barbara Bell, East Bay Labor Journal, 367 W. Adams Street, Chicago 6, Ill.

## Top Court to Hear Case Against UAW

**WASHINGTON (AFLCIO)** — The Supreme Court agreed to hear an appeal from a trial court decision freeing the Auto Workers from criminal charges of violating the anti-political expenditures sections of the Taft-Hartley Act.

The court rejected, however, Attorney General Herbert Brownell's plea that the case be decided before the recess of the justices in June, ahead of this year's election campaign. It will not be argued until next October.

The UAW was indicted by a Detroit grand jury, apparently acting under the direct decision of Brownell and Michigan Republican leader John Felkens, for staging television shows in 1954 on which Democratic candidates for office appeared.

**HOLY NAMES COLLEGE** management and the Cooks Union are negotiating with the assistance of CLC Secretary Ash.

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## Carmens Union Asks Why They Call Some Gains Fringes

Vern Stambaugh, president of Carmens' Division 192, calls attention to the following interesting summary of collective bargaining progress, published in the June issue of the official Motorman, Conductor, and Motorcoach Operator:

We're a bit birthday-conscious this month for a couple of reasons. June 19 happens to mark the birth date of our own International President A. L. Spradling. It's an occasion for rejoicing to find him in such good health and spirits, giving us the inspiring leadership that is carrying our organization to higher yet more secure plateaus in the area of collective bargaining.

Our policy of negotiating longer-term agreements is proving a wise one; is bound to have a stabilizing effect on our relationships with management, as well as job and economic security. As a further safeguard against unpredictable situations ahead, many of our Local Divisions have retained or negotiated cost of living clauses to protect us against inflation if that is to be the prospect ahead. If not—and we hope not—nothing is lost.

Seldom if ever in any comparable period within the history of the Amalgamated Association have such solid gains been recorded. Check this and recent issues of your magazine for the details. We know where we're going and thanks to the ability of such experienced and realistic men as Abe Spradling, we are getting there.

In the field of "fringe" benefits we are making tremendous strides. And, incidentally, we did that word "fringe" ever get into the jargon of collective bargaining? It is a ridiculous misnomer. Webster describes "fringe" as "an ornamental border." What's ornamental or frilly about health and welfare, or pensions?

Another so-called "fringe" is vacations. We've had as tough a fight as any labor organization in the world to wrest this concession from management, but have succeeded so well—and in a 7 day a week, 24 hour a day industry—as to be out in front in the labor movement in vacation allowances granted our people. More and more divisions are securing the fourth week.

For the same reason—around the clock operation—we have had to fight hard for holidays. But the results have been most gratifying.

And that brings us to the other reason for our interest in birthdays. It's a stunt the boys in Division 1300, Baltimore, put over. Management resisted the demand for another holiday because of the needs of the service, etc. So the dear brothers put this one over: They got the employers to agree to give

each member a day off with pay on his birthday. Obviously, this can't hurt the service. People have a habit of being born every day in the year. And what could be nicer than a day off with pay to celebrate with the folks and friends! We think it's a swell idea. You might try it some time.

### Home Furnishings

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The sin of sloth has been made a virtue by the Keppells of Metuchen, N. J. Five years ago, boredom with opening doors, windows and faucets led Russell Keppell to look about for devices that may eventually have his home fully run by automation.

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Another example of Mr. Keppell's indolence is found in the master bedroom.

"Who wants to get out of bed on a cold winter morning to close the window?" he asked rhetorically. This explains his reason for connecting the thermostat in that room with an electric motor that opens and closes a section of the case-ment window. As a sales representative for Minneapolis-Honeywell, makers of thermostats and switches, he has long been familiar with the variety of functions a thermostat fulfills.

Time-and-energy-saving devices in the kitchen and laundry are the result of Mrs. Alice Keppell's ennui. A visit to the dentist was the inspiration for footpedal control of the kitchen sink faucets that her husband installed. An additional feature that he suggested is an electric valve at the juncture of the hot and cold water feed pipes to adjust the water temperature.—N. Y. Times.

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## To The Ladies FROM THE EDITOR

2,000,000 COPIES of an essay entitled "What Is a Boy?" and another 2,000,000 copies of one called "What Is a Girl?" have been distributed by the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, according to Bennett Cerf in the Saturday Review.

"A boy is a composite," says the Boy essay, "he has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket-size atomic bomb, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyan, the shyness of a violet, the enthusiasm of a fire cracker, and when he makes something he has five thumbs on each hand."

"A LITTLE GIRL," it seems, is somewhat different: "God borrows from many creatures to make a little girl. He uses the song of a bird, the squeal of a pig, the stubbornness of a mule, the antics of a monkey, the spryness of a grasshopper, the curiosity of a cat, the speed of a gazelle, the shyness of a fox, the softness of a kitten, and to top it all off He adds the mysterious mind of a woman."

A MAN wrote both tributes, of which only a few sentences have been quoted. But undoubtedly many mothers will agree with both verdicts—and fathers, too.

**MERGER** of Central Labor Council and local CIO Council now seems possible by August 1. CLC Secretary Ash reports. The full joint committee is receiving a report by a subcommittee on the constitution.

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## Watchmakers Sign Hillsdale Store

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Kay Jewelers who recently opened a new store in Hillsdale, is signing the standard union agreement in effect in San Mateo County. We have one of our members employed as the watchmaker in this store.

ATTENTION MEMBERS COVERED UNDER KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH SERVICE PLAN: For your information, "Home Visits" for doctor service, has increased in cost, however, inasmuch as we are still under contract to Kaiser Foundation until December of this year, the cost of a doctor's visit to your home has NOT increased to our members or their dependents. The cost remains the same, i.e., \$2.00 for the first visit only, when a doctor is called to attend a member—\$2.00 for each visit when a doctor is called to attend a dependent.

### PLEASE WRITE YOUR OWN HEADLINE FOR THIS ONE

Herman Talmadge, who as Governor of Georgia signed the "right to work" bill, has been unanimously endorsed for U. S. Senator by the Georgia State Federation of Labor, reports *Laborers Daily*. Is it the first time the convention ever officially backed any candidate.

The signer of the "right to work" bill told the convention that "we must preserve the gains made in recent years and strive to see that labor receives an adequate share of our nation's wealth."

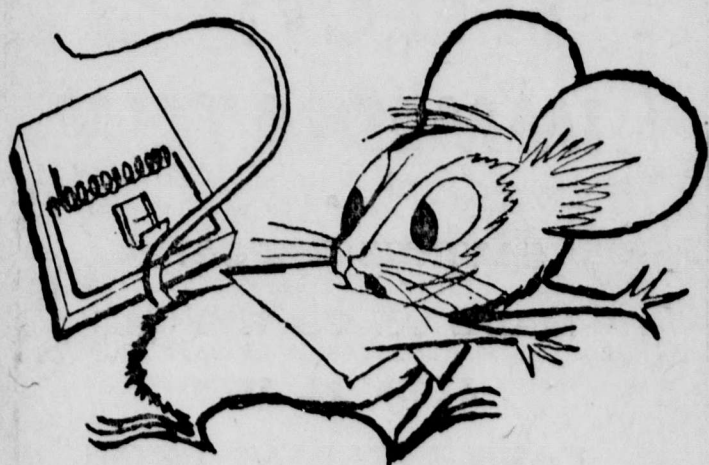
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## Retro Checks For B-82 Not Claimed

By JOE CONNELLY

Former employees of the Chimes and Eastmont Theaters which closed during the course of negotiations (the closing was not due to the negotiations) who have not yet picked up their retroactive pay checks at the union business office include William Cook, Emma Jo Eller, Paul Lydon, David Madison, Alice Miranda (all of the Chimes) and Bonnie Adams, Lois Cushman, Elizabeth Francis, Cecelia Hinkle, Penny Malfant, Marion Moyle, Ruby Rogers, Shirley Simmons, Patricia Smith and Marilyn Wing (all from the Eastmont).

We have attempted to contact those for whom we had applications at their last known address, or through any known members or former members. If you recognize any of the names here, pass the word on to them and we will take care of them at the union business office—2030 Broadway, Suite 201.

This may be repetitious, as we mentioned it in last week's column, but in the event some of you didn't see it, we are particularly interested in hearing from any former employee of the Alameda, Neptune or Vogue Theaters in Alameda, who may not have received their retroactive pay, also former employees of the Berkeley, Roxie and T & D Theaters. Remember if you worked any of these houses after March 1, 1955, you are eligible.

No Golden State retroactive checks have been received yet, but as soon as they are we will inform you via this column.

To those of you who received your retroactive pay, the subject is a dead one, but remember to bear with us for the sake of those who have not received it.

Meetings this month on the 2nd Wednesday (11th) and 4th Saturday (28th) at 10 a.m., and on the 3rd Thursday (19th) at 11:30 p.m.

## We Won't Stand By Idly, Says Meany

MT. VERNON, N. Y. (AFL-CIO) — The future of American labor depends on the way the country meets the problems of freedom, peace and social plenty in an age of advancing technology and automation. AFL-CIO President George Meany told an audience at Sinai Temple here.

He spoke at exercises marking the Temple's 50th anniversary. Rabbi Henry Kagan presented him with a gold medal which he accepted not as a personal award, "but as the representative of millions of free American working men and women who are banded together in the united labor movement."

"As citizens and free trade unionists," he said, "we will not sit idly by and let others find solutions for us."

"We of American labor will utilize all our democratic rights and all our forces and resources to discharge our responsibilities to our country by doing our share to enable our nation to find some and fair solutions to these three vital problems."



## To All Shop Stewards of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that the Shop Stewards meeting of Lodge 1546 will meet in regular session, Tuesday, July 10, 1956, at the hour of 7:30 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Refer to bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple for meeting hall.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

### Steamfitters 342

Registrations are now open for the State Federation of Labor convention to be held during the week of August 13. The first reading of registrants was at the meeting of July 5. Registrations will be closed July 12. The second reading of registrants and election will be held at a Special Called meeting on August 2.

Fraternally,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Fin. Sec'y. Bus. Mgr.  
Steamfitters Union No. 342

### Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 216

Death Assessment Nos. 393 and 394 are now due and payable. Brother Charles C. Walker, No. 131093, a member of Local No. 216, Santa Barbara passed away on April 10, 1956 and Brother Fred E. McCormick, No. 75386, a member of Local No. 108, Los Angeles passed away on May 11, 1956.

Fraternally yours,  
LLOYD CHILDS,  
Business Representative

### Painters Local 127 Special Notice!

Members paying dues by mail will now pay \$25.20 for the third quarter instead of the previous \$21.45.

All other members' dues remain the same.

Yours fraternally,  
HUGH RUTLEDGE,  
Financial Secretary

### Fire Fighters 55

The regular July monthly meeting of Local 55, I. A. F. F. will be held at the Oakland Fire Department Drill Tower, 4875 MacArthur Blvd., Tuesday, July 10, at 8:00 p.m.

Yours fraternally,  
A. J. GRAY,  
Secretary

### Hayward Painters 1178

Come Friday, July 6, we will be called to order in a regular meeting at the usual 8 o'clock p.m. hour. Initiation of the newly elected officers will be the first order of business.

There was much favorable comment on the turnout of the membership at the last two meetings. If you brothers knew how much the officers of the Local appreciate such gatherings you will continue this practice.

Another event at the last two meetings was the attendance of a number of officers from the various Locals in the East Bay. This is a gesture that we believe would better relations in every way with the other locals in the area. Why not keep it up?

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

### Hayward Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823

The regular meeting will be held Tuesday, July 10, at 2:30 p.m. at Local 823 headquarters.

Yours fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

### County School Employees 257 Important! Meeting Hall Change

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove St., Oakland on July 7, at 2:00 p.m. The executive board will meet at 10:00 a.m. The Salary Committee will present its final report for action at this meeting.

Fraternally,  
JOE FALLS,  
Secretary

### UC Employees 371

The regular monthly meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 7, at the Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley. Executive board meets at 7 p.m.

Yours fraternally,  
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## New Sales Tax Gyps Labor: Yeoman of Carpenters 1622

Editor, Labor Journal:

The City Manager and the City Council of San Leandro are proposing a 5 cent reduction in the property tax for the city for the coming year, but business interests and a tax organization are protesting. They want more.

It is time the consuming public and home owners wake up to what is happening to them.

With the 20% increase in taxable valuation of property ordered last fall by the State Board of Equalization, most homes in southern Alameda County have a taxable value of from \$2250 to \$2400.

Figuring the home owner and the consumers home at \$2400, a 5 cent property tax cut will give him a reduction of \$1.20, while a business institution making a profit with a value of \$25,000 gets a reduction of \$12.50 with a value of \$50,000 the reduction is \$25.00 and of \$100,000, \$50.00 and so on up. This however is only a part of the picture.

In 1954 the State of California collected \$464,215,646, net sales tax. The estimated population of California by the State Department of Finance was 12,450,000 which at the 3% sales tax collected by the state is an average of \$37.27 for every man, woman, child and baby in the state. One third of that or 1% sales tax collected by the city of San Leandro, is \$12.42 per capita, or \$24.84 for a family of two or \$49.68 for a family of four or the equivalent of a little more than \$2.00 per hundred dollars taxable value, on a home valued at \$2400, so while a profit making property is paying a tax of \$1.34 per \$100 of taxable value, the proposed rate after the 5 cent reduction or a total of \$31.16 on \$2400 of its valuation, the home owning consumer who makes no profit will be paying the \$31.16 on his \$2400 home, plus the city sales tax for a family of four of \$49.68 which is the equivalent of \$2.365 per \$100 valuation, or a total tax to the city of San Leandro of \$80.84. If you add the 3% paid the state by a family of four, the tax is \$139.08 more. Remember this is only a part of the tax load, there are some 200 taxes hidden in a can of tomatoes, and other foods that you purchase.

Business does not pay any sales tax, a lot of them make money on it, for the reason they do not pay to the State the amount they collect, but the three percent on their gross sales, at the end of the quarter or year which ever way they pay.

A few years ago when a sales tax was proposed in one of the mid-western states it was shown that one of the big \$83.32 monthly average from chain 5 and 10 cent stores, Social Security.

made enough profit off of the sales tax to pay their labor. Go into a 5 and 10 cent store some time, and see how many articles are priced at 15 cents or a few cents over, which yields a tax of 7 cents on the dollar, and see how few articles in comparison are priced at less than 15 cents, and many other businesses you will find the same picture.

Four years ago when the sales tax in the city of San Leandro was one half of one percent, and the City Council proposed to raise it to 1%, the Carpenters Local 1622 of Hayward sponsored a referendum against the increase and won by a vote of more than four to one against it, but a few months later the San Leandro City Council contemptuously brushed aside the wishes of the people as shown at the polls and passed the increase to 1 percent.

At the time of the referendum it was proposed that the money from the sales tax increase should be used for more parks and recreation facilities for the young people of San Leandro. At present in the budget for the coming year of San Leandro is \$100,000 to increase the recreation facilities, this the business interests and tax organizations are protesting they want knocked out, so they can get a greater reduction on their property tax.

I believe it is time that our whole tax structure is changed and put on a basis of ability to pay, not how much you can get out of the bellies of those least able to pay.

Our sister State of Oregon, has such a tax system, and it does not have near the wealth of California. It has as good a school system, and in many instances better recreation facilities for its people than California.

W. YEOMAN  
16186 Via Arriba  
San Lorenzo

## Sailors Union is Paying Pensions

The Sailors' Union of the Pacific Pension Fund paid 232 SUP old-timers \$422,691.05 in pension payments during the past two and one-half years. There was an announcement in the West Coast Sailors, official news organ of the SUP, says the State Federation Newsletter.

During the period January 1954 to June 1956, the average retired member received \$171.49 per month. The figure was made up of \$88.17 monthly made up from the fund and the average from the fund and shown that one of the big \$83.32 monthly average from chain 5 and 10 cent stores, Social Security.

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### Steamfitters Notes, Local 342

### Picnic July 15th For Steamfitters

By JAMES MARTIN

The office would like to call to your attention that there will be no membership meeting July 19, 1956, the next meeting will be August 2, 1956.

Also, Sunday, July 15, 1956, our Annual Picnic will be held at Knowland Park, located at Golf Links Road and 98th Avenue, East Oakland. Bennie "High Pockets" Gosney and his Committee, as usual, have provided a good program and it is urged that you bring the family and attend the outing.

Report of the special called meeting's acceptance of the new wage scale will be found on page one of this issue.

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## OPINIONS

### LETTER ON NEW SALES TAX GYP IN THIS ISSUE

In other columns in this issue of East Bay Labor Journal will be found an interesting letter from W. Yeoman, Hayward Carpenter 1622 member, analyzing the new sales tax gyp which went into effect July 1.

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### HUEY'S YARN

Senator Russell Long still gets mileage out of this classic, inherited from his father, Huey Long:

After years of nagging by a pious wife, a whisky-drinking, card-playing old reprobate finally decided to silence her by joining the church. On baptism day, the congregation assembled at the creek bank, sang a few hymns, then watched the old man led into the water.

As the water came up to his waist, an ace of spades floated out of his back pocket. He waded deeper and out floated a king of spades, then the queen, then the jack and finally the ten. His wife could hear it no longer. "Stop it!" she shrieked. "He's lost He's lost!"

"Hold on there, Ma," interrupted her son, who was standing beside her. "Paw ain't lost. If he can't win with that hand, ain't nobody ever gonna win."

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### HOLMDAHL

Editor, Labor Journal:  
Just a note to thank you for your cordial reflection in the East Bay Labor Journal of the endorsement of the A. F. of L. Voters League for the candidacy of Senator Richard Richards for the United States Senate in the primary campaign just concluded.

Senator Richards is looking forward to a continued close relationship with the AFLCIO and to victory in the November election.

JOHN W. HOLMDAHL,  
Chairman  
Alameda County Campaign  
Committee for Senator  
Richards for U. S. Senator.

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### BRAINWASHING

The most effective weapons against brainwashing it is evident from the case histories, are religious faith, deep convictions, well-rooted certainties in both the moral and political order. But these, unhappily, are precisely the weapons in tragically short supply today.—Eugene Lyons in New Leader.

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### IF AT ALL!

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## EDITORIALS

### Three Kinds of Labor Papers Now: Real, Phony, & Baloney

The AFLCIO Labor Press Association, the organization of labor paper editors, has announced that in publishing a code of ethics its purposes is "to protect the good name of labor from exploitation by racket papers masquerading as union publications."

The Labor Press Association is plainly making a sincere effort to separate the good from the bad, and to get the impetus toward reform, which marked the merger of AFL, hitched to the job of pulling some bad papers out into the limelight where they could be exposed for what they are.

East Bay Labor Journal has for years paid its dues in the Labor Press Association, and will gladly cooperate in any new sparkplugging of the effort to shake out the bad apples from the barrel. We still feel, however, as we have felt for years, that one of the loopholes through which some bad papers get into the labor field is revealed to the eye of the discriminating in these matters by section 2 of the new code of ethics, which reads as follows:

"Member publications will plainly and prominently publish in each issue an accurate statement of ownership and endorsement."

If a paper is owned by a labor organization it doesn't need to be endorsed by that organization. If it isn't owned by a labor organization, it is decidedly questionable whether it should be endorsed by any labor organization, any more than the Oakland Tribune or the San Francisco Examiner should be so endorsed.

There have been for many years so-called "labor newspapers" in California which are owned and operated entirely for the profit of the private business which owns and operates them. These so-called "labor papers" receive the "endorsement" of some central labor body in several counties where labor is too indolent or too ill organized to have a real labor paper of its own. Then a flock of solicitors working on commission go after ads, which are the real and only goal of the enterprise, a handful of the papers, with the nameplates changed for each community and a spoonful of local news to sweeten the appearance, are printed on one central press, and that's that.

In short, there are three kinds of labor papers: real, phony, and baloney. A real labor paper is owned and run by labor; a baloney one is the "endorsed" type run for the profit of a private enterprise; and the phony one is run by 100% racketeers.

The day will doubtless come when both the phony and the baloney type of papers will be excluded from co-membership in the AFLCIO Labor Press Association with such genuine labor papers, owned, operated, and directed by responsible central labor bodies, as East Bay Labor Journal, San Francisco Labor, Sacramento Labor Union Bulletin, Fresno Labor Citizen, Los Angeles Citizen, and San Diego Labor Leader. These are the labor papers in California owned, operated, directed and controlled by responsible central labor bodies which we see regularly at our office. We are informed by the State Federation of Labor office that the following are also such authentic labor papers: the Labor News, owned by the Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley Central Labor Council; the San Bernardino Leader, owned by the San Bernardino Central Labor Council; and the Labor Leader, owned by the Orange County Central Labor Council.

The papers enumerated in the above paragraph are real labor papers; these need no "endorsement." The fact that they are owned, operated, directed and controlled by responsible labor bodies is self-endorsing. They are real labor papers.

Nevertheless, we are glad that the AFLCIO Labor Press Association is showing signs of vigorous life under the leadership of Gordon H. Cole, editor of the Machinist. Let's hope that the association proves to be a veritable bulldozer, uprooting and sweeping away the 100 percent phony "racket papers masquerading as union publications." Then it can grapple with the problem presented by the baloney papers—if not sooner.

### Steel Strike 64 Years Ago Today

The colossal steel strike, with 650,000 people hitting the bricks on the minute, makes those affiliated with the old pre-merger AFL realize what new power has been added to organized labor as a unified force in American economic life.

Thousands of the strikers walked out in Bay Area plants, which drives the above truth home to us locally as well as nationally. U. S. Steel at Pittsburgh in Contra Costa county, Bethlehem at Alameda and South San Francisco, are all near at hand, and it is inspiring to realize that these men are the union brothers of so many more thousands of us around the Bay.

It was at Homestead, near the other Pittsburgh, in Pennsylvania, that the first great steel strike occurred, in 1892, and certainly under very different conditions than the present one. In the most recent edition of the Columbia Encyclopedia, despite all the water that has flowed through the sluices of industrial history since then, it is still referred to as "one of the most bitterly fought industrial disputes in U. S. labor history. It lasted 5 months. The Carnegie Company hired 300 Pinkertons, and on July 6, just 64 years before the date of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal, a pitched battle occurred between the Pinkertons and the strikers in which those lives were lost.

In those 64 years many things have changed. The name Carnegie is now a fading one, mostly associated with older public libraries. Few indeed are the survivors of that historic battle 64 years ago today, but they have been replaced by the members of the great union which went out 650,000 strong just the other day.

The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceeding small, says the old adage; and they have indeed ground small the horrors which prevailed 64 years ago in the "good old days" of the Homestead strike.

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### Extension of GI Housing is Asked

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — Extension of the GI housing law, which is due to expire July 25, 1957, for another year has been urged on the Senate Labor Committee by the AFL-CIO.

During that year, Bert Seidman of the AFLCIO Department of Research told the committee, Congress should make a "thorough study" of the veterans' home loan program "as a vital part of the nation's over-all housing program."

"On the basis of such an investigation," he continued, "it can then be determined whether the present program should be continued beyond 1958 or perhaps, at that time, be integrated in some way with other housing programs."

"Whatever course is followed, we ask Congress to pursue the vital objective of making decent housing at reasonable cost available to all families, veterans as well as non-veterans."

The proposed one-year extension of the act and the suggested study were endorsed by the AFLCIO Executive Council at its recent meeting here.

Accompanying Seidman were Cornelius Gray, administrative assistant to the president and secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO Building Trades Department, and Bernard Mullady, staff director of the AFLCIO Veterans Affairs Committee.

In response to questions by Senator Herbert H. Lehman (D., N.Y.), Gray estimated that 290,000 jobs would be lost by building trades mechanics if that part of the present building program financed by GI loans were to be dropped.

JACK KROLL, co-director of the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education, told over 400 Wisconsin unionists that the Eisenhower administration is a "government of supply and demand—big business and special privilege demand and the government supplies."

### LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
NOTICE OF AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE STATE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California, in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 8, Sections 3797, 3798 and 3799 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and the written authorization and direction of the State Controller, dated June 14, 1956, as follows:

That the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, a body corporate and politic, has entered into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, subject to approval by the State Controller, for the purchase of certain tax-deeded property described in said agreement; and

That the State Controller has approved said agreement and a copy is on file in the office of the Board of Supervisors;

That pursuant to said agreement the undersigned Tax Collector will, not less than 21 days after the first publication or the mailing to the last addressee at his last known address of a copy of this notice, whichever is later, deed said property to the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, a body corporate and politic.

That unless the property is redeemed or an installment plan of redemption is initiated before it is sold, the right of redemption will cease.

The real property referred to and contained in said agreement is situated in Eden Township, County of Alameda, State of California, and is substantially described as follows:

Deed No. 142182, In Eden Township, Map of the Creek Tract of the Meek Estate, All por of Lot 16 of Meek Creek Trct lying bet a pt 9.67 ft fm S in Lot 15 NW in ext NE to cen San Lorenzo Creek and down sd creek to the In of Cherryland Inc. ext. Por of Lot 16 exc por assessed to other owners of record. Account No. 81A-32-8 and 9. Last assessed to H. W. Meek Est. Inc. Corp. Minimum price \$141.00.

For information as to the amount necessary to redeem or to pay the delinquent taxes in installments, apply to Eugene V. Waring, Redemption Officer of said County of Alameda, State of California, at the Court House in Oakland.

EDWIN MEESE, JR.,  
Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California.  
Dated at Oakland, California  
July 6, 13, and 20, 1956

### Fed Resolutions Deadline is Set

State AFL affiliates are urged to file resolutions well in advance of the 1956 convention deadline.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, said all resolutions must be submitted in triplicate and should carry the signature of authorized officials as well as the affiliate's seal.

Deadline for the receipt of resolutions is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 8, except for those proposed at statewide conferences of affiliated organizations held not less than three days prior to the opening of the convention on Monday, August 13. Such conference resolutions may be filed up until 12:00 noon on August 13.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

### Eddie Chew Opens His Own Business

The formation of the Edward W. Chew organization, with offices on the 19th floor of the Oakland Tribune Tower, to serve in the field of publicity and public relations is announced this week. Chew is a former vice-president of Local B-82, IATSE, and was a board member for many years.

The new firm will handle publicity and public relations for business, industrial associations, and community organizations, with emphasis on industrial and employee publications.

A former Oakland and San Francisco newspaper writer and editor, Chew recently completed more than two years as Publicity Director in the East Bay United Crusade's Public Relations Department, serving both Alameda and central Contra Costa Counties.

### How Corporations Slip Cash to GOP Under the Table

Fortune Magazine, a Luce publication, charges that corporations "violate the law" that makes it a crime for them to give money to political parties, reports the California Labor League for Political Education Newsletter.

"Corporations . . . cover up contributions by listing them in various expense accounts," Fortune says in its May issue. "The boss's secretary appears as the purchaser of blocks of tickets to \$100-a-plate dinners. Executives contribute handsomely to campaign chests with the understanding that they will get their money back in bonuses."

The magazine admitted that "corporation heads who argue that union dues should not be used for political purposes are not in a very good position to argue that they should be permitted to use stockholders' money for political ends."

The magazine claims that the best solution to the problem of financing campaigns without exposing candidates to "the pressures of self-serving groups" is the "familiar and unspectacular one of persuading many more millions of Americans to become political contributors—in effect, to do with the electorate at large what unions are already doing by the canvassing their millions of Central California District members for small amounts."

Fortune admits that there is "no limit" to the amount of their own money which rich executives can channel legally into politics. It also notes that a number of corporation heads ask their subordinates to contribute money to their favorite parties and candidates. (In 1936, says Fortune, two families, the DuPonts and Pews, kicked against the New Deal.)

ANTELOPE VALLEY construction work in Los Angeles County has been 95% unionized during the past four years, it was announced by the Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council.

## YOU CAN'T VOTE

The importance of getting union members registered to vote is told in plain language in a new pocket-size leaflet, "You Can't Vote," which may be obtained free of charge from the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education, 815 16th Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. Printed in two colors, the leaflet is illustrated with lively sketches illustrating the necessity of registering before one can vote.

### Pine Mill Still Being Picketed

Lumber workers are still picketing the Feather River Pine Mill Company in Butte County, it was announced by J. Hazard, president of the canvassing their millions of Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers, says the State Federation Newsletter.

Main issue involved in the 14th months' strike is "continuation of a contract" with a number of corporation heads ask their subordinates to contribute money to their favorite parties and candidates. (In 1936, says Fortune, two families, the DuPonts and Pews, kicked against the New Deal.)

BALTIMORE has become the first city south of the Mason-Dixon line to enact a fair employment practices ordinance. Support given the measure by Baltimore trade unions and other liberal organizations was largely responsible for its passage.

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